

“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.”

Ephesians 6:13

# Praying Through the Armor of God

## The Armor of God – Ephesians 6

We are called to put on the armor of God. It is only then that we will be able to stand up against the onslaught that Satan has for us each day. I do not think there is one of us who would want to be plopped down in the middle of a battle field with no armor.

Paul explains that we are in a battle, but that God has given us armor to use. What are the different parts of the armor?

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Satan is going to come against us in a multitude of ways. Here are a few, as suggested by John MacArthur.

- Undermining God's character and credibility
- Persecution, peer pressure, or peaceful preoccupation
- Confusing the believer with false doctrine
- Hindering the believer's service to Christ
- Causing division in the Body of Christ
- Urging believers to trust their own resources
- Causing the believer to be hypercritical
- Making believers worldly
- Causing us to disobey God's Word

Do you feel the enemy is attacking you in one of the areas right now? Which one? How is he doing it?

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Although it is very important to be aware of the devices of Satan, our defense against them is not simply our knowledge of them. The armor has been provided for this daily battle we are in.

We can be equipped with this armor through the power of prayer. “Nothing of eternal value has been accomplished apart from prayer” – Dr. Jerry Falwell.

Let's walk through praying through the armor.

*“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”  
Ephesians 6:12*

**Ephesians 6:11-19** – “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the **devil’s schemes**. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

**1. “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...”**

Lord, I put on the belt of truth. I choose a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Show me the truths I so desperately need today. Expose the lies I’m not even aware that I believe.

**2. “...With the breastplate of righteousness in place...”**

And yes, Lord, I wear your righteousness today against all condemnation and corruption. Fit me with your holiness and purity—defend me from all assaults against my heart.

**3. “...And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.”**

I do choose to live for the gospel at any moment. Show me where you are working and lead me to it. Do not let me become slack in my walk.

**4. “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”**

Jesus, I lift the confidence that you are good against every lie and every assault of the enemy. You have good in store for me. Nothing is coming today that can overcome me, because you are with me.

**5. “Take the helmet of salvation...”**

Thank you, Lord, for my salvation. I receive it in a new and fresh way from you and I declare that nothing can separate me now from the love of Christ and the place I shall ever have in your kingdom.

**6. “...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...”**

Holy Spirit, show me specifically today the truths of the Word of God that I will need to counter the assaults and the snares of the Enemy. Bring them to mind throughout the day.

**7. “...and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”**

Finally, Holy Spirit, I agree to walk in step with you in everything—in all prayer as my spirit communes with you throughout the day.

**8. “Pray also for me that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will tirelessly make known the mystery of the gospel.”**

Lord, I pray that I will take every opportunity to share the gospel today.

We are at war, but this battle is not one of this world. We are at war with the very darkness that seeks to destroy all that is good. We are fighting the forces of evil that desire to snare and trample our fellow believers. We cannot take this war lightly.

Come. Fight. “For if God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31

What do you need to do in response to this lesson?

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